



THE Caledonian Mercury.

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A short Account of the most considerable News, Foreign and Domestick.

Edinburgh, Thursday May 3d, 1722.

From the Evening Post, April 28.

This Day we had a Mail from Holland and another from Flanders.

Amsterdam; May 4th.

IT appears by divers Letters from Moscow, that the Departure of the Russian Monarch for Astracan was to be some time the Beginning of this Month; mean Time 30000 Men are marching that Way for the intended Expedition: As his said Majesty intended to assist at it in Person, its not thought he can come back before October next. This new Enterprize causes no Interruption to the Armaments begun at Petersburg, nor to the drawing together of a very great Number of Russian Troops on the Borders of Courland, besides whom some Regiments of Cossacks are also expected. However, its expected neither these Troops nor the Fleet will enter upon Action before the Return of the Emperor of Russia. The same Letters add, That the Treaty of Alliance between that Emperor and the Kings of Spain and France is not concluded yet. 'Tis thought his Russian Majesty will not declare so soon as was expected, the Person he designs to appoint his Successor. Other Letters from Petersburg say, that when his Imperial Majesty returns from Astracan, he will repair to Archangel, in order to undertake another Expedition, with 10 Frigates and 80 Gallies, which are fitting out in the White Sea.

London, April 28. We are informed, that the Earl of Peterborough is appointed Captain General of all his Majesty's main Forces.

Last Thursday Night Mr. Sharp, the Printer of the Frecholder's Journal, was committed to Newgate, for printing of that Paper of Wednesday last.

The small Pox having come out of the 2 young Princesses, they are in a fair Way of doing well.

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From the Evening Post, April 16:

Wednesday, February 10.

THE Order of the Day for taking into further Consideration the State of the National Debt, being Read, a Motion was made, and the Question was put, That it appears by the State of the Publick-debt before this House, That the same (exclusive of the Debt of the Navy) is encreased, between the 31st of December 1717, and the 31st of December 1720, at least the Sum of 2300900^l. notwithstanding that the sinking Fund had produced within that Time 1910385^l. 14s. 6d. 3qrs.

It was resolved in the Negative.

Dissentient.

Because the Question consisted wholly of Matters of Fact, which were exactly agreeable to a Paper laid before the House by the proper Officer on the Address of this House, and it is not reasonably to be presumed, that the Officers of the Crown would state the Debt higher than it really was, so we cannot but think nothing was alledged in the Debate, that made it appear the Debt was stated in the Question, but on the Contrary, and the exact Quantum of the Debt been Material to have been enquired into on this Occasion, it was evident to us, even from a Memorandum at the Bottom of the same Paper, That the Debt was in Reality much higher the 31st of December 1720, then stated in the Question.

W. Ebor. Cowper. Weston. Guilford. Foley. Ashburnham. Strafford. Fr. Cestriens. Montjoy. Bathurst. Bristol. Aberdeen. North and Gray.

THEN a Motion was made, That the lessening the Publick Debt annually by all proper Methods is necessary to the restoring and preserving Publick Credit:

And a Question being stated thereupon; after Debate, The previous Question was put, whether the Question shall be now put.

It was resolved in the Negative.

Dissentient.

1. Because as the main Question is undeniable true, and seems to us to be admitted to be so, it's being prevented to be put to the previous Question, so we think it would have been highly Expedient and useful to the Publick, to have had it put and voted in the Affirmative, That by the declared Opinion of this House (which must always be of the greatest Authority) those who are more immediately concern'd to take Care of the Publick Credit, might not rely on vain and deceitful Projects for restoring and preserving the Credit of the Nation, but apply themselves seriously and diligently to bring about the effectual Means of doing it.

2. Although so clear and evident a Truth as contained in the main Question, cannot, when proposed, but obtain the Consent of All, especially such as are qualified to be in both Stations, yet at this Juncture when the Publick is under so great Necessities from the unexampled Pressure of

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of Debts, and when all other Remedies hitherto attempted, have proved ineffectual, if not Mischievous, we cannot but conceive it was extremely Proper, and must have greatly conduced to the restoring and preserving Publick Credit, to have quickened the Endeavours for the Purpose of all in the Publick Service, by so high an Authority as the Resolution of this House, not only pointing out to them the Way they would take towards that good End, but intimating also, that as far as is possible to be attained, the doing so would be excepted from them; and therefore we conceive the main Question should have been put and voted (as we think it must have been had it been put) in the Affirmative.

W. Ebor. Cowper. Weston. Baiburst. Guilford Foley. Alsburnham. Strafford. Fr. Cestrelns. Bristol. Aberdeen. North and Gray.

Members returned for the ensuing Parliament.

*Those marked thus, * were not Members of the last.*

Burghs of Inverness, Portrose, &c. Alexander Gordon Esq;
 Burghs of Linlithgow, Selkirk, &c. Daniel Ver;
 Gatton, Paul Docminique, William Newland Esq;
 Blechingley, - - Claytone, - - Evelie Esq;
 Tregony, * John Merril, * James Cook Esq;
 County of Carnarvon, William Griffith Esq;
 Borough of Carnarvon, Thomas Wynn Esq;

Doctor Gaylard Printer of Milt's Journal, is taken into Custody of a Messenger, on Account of a Letter in last Saturday's Paper from a Freeman to the new Representatives return'd for the ensuing Parliament.

The Scrutiny of those that polled for Members of Parliament for this City, will begin to Morrow Morning at Guildhall, the Clerks having finish'd their Examination of several Poll Books.

Last Tuesday Mr. Oglethorp, Member of Parliament for Haslemore, missing a Piece of Gold, charged a Fellow that carried a Link, with taking it from him: High Words arose, and the Linkman struck Mr. Oglethorp several Blows with his Link, who resenting such Usage, drew his Sword and gave the Fellow a Wound in the Breast; for which he was seiz'd, and is in the Custody of a Constable.

St. James's Evening Post, April 28.

Florence, April 12. The Consul of France is returned to Leghorn, without having Permission for the entering of Ships into that Port from Provence.

Madrid, April 14. The Duke de Ossuna is returned hither from Paris.

Vienna, April 22. This Day Count Staremberg departed from Hanover in Quality of Ambassador to the Court of Great Britain.

Hamburgh, April 1. Letters from Dresden, say, That his Polish Majesty was very speedily to review several Saxon Troops near to Lipsick.

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Moscow, April 18. They write from Archangel, That about 70 Gallies are building near the White Sea for a secret Expedition.

Hague, May 3. They write from Cambray, That the opening of the Congress of Cambray was for certain important Reasons to be again deferred for some Time.

Paris, April 27. His Majesty having disapproved of taking off certain Taxes by the Advice of Mr. Law, is resolved to establish the same, for reimbursing the 1500 Millions of Livres, which the Chamber of Finances advanced to him upon Paper Credit. Letters from Copenhagen say, That the Troops in Norway are ordered to be ready to march on the first Notice; and that the Squadron of 17 Men of War was ready to put to Sea.

From the Evening Post, April 28:

Amsterdam, May 4. Our Advices from Vienna import, That the Lord Forbes, Admiral of the Emperor of the Romans, has carried a Ship into the River Yps, being the first that ever sailed there: By making that and other Rivers navigable, a Way will be opened for travelling from Vienna to Venice by Water.

An Express has been dispatched from his Imperial Majesty to Cardinal Czacky to Presburg, to order him to notify to the States of Hungary, that his Imperial Majesty having already made choice in *Petro*, of his Successor for that Kingdom, his Majesty makes no Doubt but they will own that Person for their lawful Sovereign, without Prejudice however to the Posterity of his Imperial Majesty: And that in case his Imperial Majesty should hereafter have an Heir, some other State will be provided for the adopted Person.

The Congress of Cambray is still very uncertain; and if some Advices we have may be credited, it will not take place at all, for Reasons not yet made known to the Publick.

Wife's Letter verbatim, April 28, 1722.

THIS Morning some more Persons belonging to Mist were taken into Custody for some more Passages in the Journal of this Day; in which the Author, in his Observations on the Character and Conduct of the Earl of Sunderland, uses the following Expressions:

"Some have observed, That his Lordship had a Genius which courted Dangers and loved Difficulties: That he despised all common Roads of Business; and when in the Treasury, made a worse Figure than several others of an inferior Capacity. And tho' 'tis certain he was not mercenary in the Disposal of Places in his Gift, yet this could not defend him from some foul Suspicions of having shared in the Plunder of his Country in the late wicked and horrid Scheme. That after his Acquittal by Parliament, he became the publick Mark of the People's Hatred: However (as this audacious Author says) it may be remarked, he had one Happiness before he died, that he lived to see another MAN in his Country more hated than himself.

The Author of the *London Journal* of this Day, in the Conclusion of his Remarks upon Government, says, "It has often happened, that unnatural Patri-cides have always died unpitied, and suffered in their Persons, the sad Effects of those cruel Counsels and Schemes they had intended for the Ruin of all but themselves.

We hear a Notion is entertained, that Mr. H-----n is the Author of some of the Letters in the *Freeholders Journal*, and that for the same he will be expelled the H---c.

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'Twas likewise reported the other Day in some of the Printed Papers, That John Cotton, Esq; who formerly professed himself a most zealous Member amongst the Non-jurors, is turned Roman Catholick: Whereas that Gentleman, in an Advertisement published last Thursday, and signed with his own Name, certifies to the World, that the said Report is utterly false and groundless, and that he is as far from being a Roman Catholick as any Person whatsoever.

We have more Amusements from Abroad; for by the Holland Mail just arrived, there are the following Advices, viz.

Basil, April 26: 'Tis said the Pretender will shortly take a Journey from Rome, but whither is not certainly known: Mean-time 'tis affirmed, that a great Correspondence is carried on by his Agents in France: And 'tis even reported, that some certain Powers will make Propositions in his favours at the ensuing Cambray Congress.

From the North they tell us, That the Czar has taken a firm Resolution to assist the Dukes of Mecklenburg and Holstein: and that the Marriage of the latter with the Czar's youngest Daughter, is almost consummated; and that in consequence thereof, he is to have the Title of *Great Duke of Livonia and Courland*.

The Dantzickers begin to take great Umbrage at the Motion of the Czar's Troops, and are much afraid he'll call for Money, to bear the Expence of his Journey into Germany.

We hear the Danes have ordered 4 Men of War of the first Rate to be added to the Squadron almost equipped, and 'tis said he is to joyn one from England, and that they are busy Day and Night in the fortifying Copenhagen: Mean Time the Treaty of Alliance between the Czar and the Kings of France and Spain is said not to be yet concluded.

The Great Duke of Tuscany has prohibited the Exportation of Wooll and Silk, to encourage the Manufacture the English have established at Pisa and Sicinia; and which, 'tis believed, will be sufficient to supply the whole Country.

Hawkins and Simpson, the 2 Persons mentioned in our last, to be impeached by Wilson, for robbing the Bristol Mail, were taken that Night, and committed to Newgate. Mr. Sharp the Printer of the *Freeholder's Journal*, is admitted to Bail. To-Day at Noon the Scrutiniers upon the Poll for this City, had gone through 31 Companies; there appears great Defaulters on both Sides, but no likelihood of any Advantage accruing to Mr. Heysham, so as to carry his Election. Yesterday the Company of the York Buildings declared the Half Years Dividend of one and a Quarter *Per Cent*. To-Day there was a Meeting of the Bank and South Sea Directors at Sir John Ward's House, touching the Reconciliation, but all is kept private, and many believe all will come to nothing. 'Tis talked, that the Earl of Peterborough will be made Captain General of all the Marine Forces. The Cambray Congress is looked upon by some to be postponed, till certain Negotiations at Hanover are finished. Tho. Bowles Esq; is dead, a Gentleman of 10000 a Year.

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IN Pursuance of an Order by the Arbiters, in the Submission betwixt *Forbes of Ballogie* and his Creditors. These are intimating to the saids Creditors, to give in their Claims and Grounds of Debt due to them by the said *Ballogie*, To *William Forbes* Writer to the Signer, and Clerk to the said Submission, at his Writing Chamber in the Parliament Closs, or to *Alexander Tytler* Writer in *Edinburgh*, betwixt and the 20th Day of *May* next, with Certification, that the Arbiters will proceed to determine on such Claims as shall be then produced.

That

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That the voluntar Roup of the Lands and Barony of Mountwhany, with the Mansion House, &c. formerly advertised to have been upon the first of May, is adjourned to the 20th of June, betwixt 2 and 3 in the Afternoon, in the House of Patrick Herdman Vintner in Edinburgh.

There is to be sold a fashionable Chariot, with six Harnish, all good and strong. Enquire at Mr. Alexander Dunbar Merchant, at the Head of Burnet's Clofs, Edinburgh,

That at Portpatrick in the Shire of Galloway, there is a convenient new publick House, at the Sign of King George's Head; where is good Entertainment for Men and Horse, going or coming from Ireland. Enquire at Adam Barclay, Turner in the Back Stairs in the Parliament Clofs, Edinburgh, or at the said House at Portpatrick.

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N. B. The 1st Quarter of the 3d Year of the *Caledonian Mercury*, commenced the 28th of April last: Wherefore 'tis expected, that Those who get said News-paper will send in the current Quarter, together with all by-gone Arrears, as they expect to be punctually served.

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It is hereby advertised, that the Office of the Clerk of the Court of Session, in the City of Edinburgh, is now open, and that the said Clerk, in pursuance of the Statute in that behalf made, doth hereby give notice, that he will receive, and take care of, all such Papers, as shall be presented to him, in relation to the said Court, and that he will also receive, and take care of, all such Papers, as shall be presented to him, in relation to the said Court, and that he will also receive, and take care of, all such Papers, as shall be presented to him, in relation to the said Court.